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### CHINESE OFFSHORE ISLANDS

I. Virtually no significant military activity in offshore island area during past week.

A. There has been light sporadic shelling of Quemoy, but no action against Matsus.

II. [REDACTED] re-habilitation of airfield near Foochow is underway.

A. This field could be ready in 10 days.

B. No evidence of comparable work at other ~~fields~~ fields in Fukien, although some evidence fields at Swatow and Chienou may be getting some attention.

III. Chinat 84th Division, a good unit, now in place on islands of Matsu group.

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A. Will take some time, however, for Division to ready defenses against Chicom assault.

B. If strong attack came now, islands would fall quickly unless US gives help.

IV. Cease-fire talks between Soviet, Chicom, British and Indian officials apparently suspended.

A. Chicoms have evidently refused to modify claim to all Chinat-held territory, or to renounce use of force, or to meet with Chinats in any conference.

B. Peiping said publicly (19 March) Chicoms "will go steadily ahead with our just cause of liberating" Formosa and offshore islands.

C. Also said "the 'two Chinas' fraud--US and British versions

alike--will end up nowhere."

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D. Another broadcast derided any US  
hope of "quick victory" through  
tactical use of nuclear weapons.

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